

DC is under attack and we need leaders who refuse to shrink in the face of injustice. Where there are opportunities to partner with federal agencies to improve the lives of DC residents, Janeese Lewis George will do so. But she will not accept the terrorization of our youth or the kidnapping of our neighbors.

Janeese is a staunch advocate of DC Statehood and has a history of lobbying Capitol Hill in the interest of DC and standing up to the White House, particularly when it comes to the safety of DC residents. As mayor, she will:

PROTECT HOME RULE

- **Work hand in hand with the DC Office of the Attorney General** to execute a comprehensive legal strategy to defend DC.
- **Fully staff the Office of Federal Affairs**, guided closely by the mayor, to interface directly with Congress and the White House. Janeese will continue to walk the halls of Congress herself with staff and meet with members on both sides of the aisle.
- **Partner with local grassroots organizations** like the DC Democratic Party, Free DC, and DC Statehood Coalition to educate and activate DC residents.
- **Align federal advocacy, legislative strategy, and grassroots organizing** into one unified system.
- **Build stronger relationships with the Democratic Governors Association and the Democratic Mayors Association** to elevate DC and its needs as a national priority and align state and city leadership in advancing our autonomy.

SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

- **Invest in afterschool and late-night weekend safe spaces** where youth can socialize and have fun.
- **Create a Young Adult Corps** that offers paid service-year opportunities after high school that focus on skills-building and lead to employment or further education.
- **Expand vocational, technical, and career-focused programs** in high schools, allowing students to earn college credit or obtain industry-recognized credentials prior to graduation.
- **Coordinate more community mentorship** between adult allies and youth.
- **Create low-barrier mental health and counseling** at Community Hubs for youth to address their trauma.
- **Invest in culture, storytelling, and grassroots organizing** led by DC youth to expand the Statehood movement nationally.

STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

- **Pass a DC Trust Act** to establish clear, enforceable limits on local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement and protect residents' data and rights.
- **Guarantee legal defense and rapid response** to ensure no resident faces immigration enforcement alone, to include universal legal support, rapid response networks, and family stabilization services.
- **Protect schools, healthcare, and community places** by keeping "sensitive locations" safe so families can access education, care, and services without fear.
- **Ensure access to services and economic opportunity** through language access, workforce support, small business resources, and healthcare regardless of immigration status.
- **Keep ICE out of DC facilities** by blocking the use of DC land and buildings for detention centers and strengthening local control over public assets.
- **Enforce accountability across government** by requiring training, creating clear consequences for violations, and establishing oversight and public reporting to ensure protections are real.

WIN DC STATEHOOD

- **Continue building coalitions in Congress** to secure a filibuster-proof pro-DC majority.
- **Work with grassroots organizations and leaders in DC and across the country** to build a movement for Statehood rooted in racial and economic justice.
- **Make DC Statehood a governing priority of the Mayor's office**, not just an advocacy issue.
- **Increase funding for the DC New Columbia Statehood Commission** to expand national strategy and organizing.
- **Strengthen and operationalize DC's Shadow Senator and Shadow Representative roles** as active tools for change.
- **Align the Office of Federal Affairs, Statehood Commission, and movement partners** into one coordinated effort to achieve Statehood.